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(S) On October 10, MFA Security Affairs official told Emboff that the addition of Safar Al-Hawali, and Salman Bin-Fahd Al-Awdah, to the 1267 Designated Persons list presents "considerable problems" and France would oppose their designation at this time. France requests the postponement of public proposals to designate them and requests bilateral discussions of the two individuals at the earliest opportunity. Because the two individuals are both extremely well known in Saudi Arabia, the official explained, GOF officials believe that addition of their names to the list could have serious political repercussions inside that country. France fully supports the addition of the other three individuals proposed in our August 29 demarche (reftel), Abdul Rahim Al-Talhi, Muhammad 'Abdallah Salih Sughayr, and Fahd Muhammad 'Abd Al-'Aziz Al-Khashiban.  
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